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A Contract Manufacturer of Deep Draw Stampings

PROSPECT MACHINE PRODUCTS, INC.

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A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED RAISED BILL NO. 1053, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TAX CREDITS

We strongly support proposed Raised Bill No. 1053 introduced by Representative Selim Noujaim to expand apprenticeship training tax credits to business entities other than C corporations.

We have been strong supporters of manufacturing apprenticeships for over three decades. During that time and currently we have a strong and faithful advisory presence both at the vocational high school level and community college level.

We are mainly engaged in the 8,000 hour or three year program for Tool and Die apprentices. During the three years, training instructions are daily. These instructions include daily work assignments, safe operation of equipment under power, and a daily review of completed work assignments. This oversight is usually conducted by the manager or supervisor of the tool room. These tax credits have helped to offset the high costs associated with apprenticeship training.

Right now, under the current statute, the credit is only available to offset Connecticut Corporate Business Tax imputed under Chapter 208 of the Connecticut General Statutes for regular C corporations.

As an S corporation, we have now lost up to \$4,800.00 in tax credits per apprentice per year. This credit is an acknowledgement on the part of the state that apprenticeship training is a long, labor intensive and costly endeavor on the part of the manufacturer. Please support this legislation by expanding it to other business entities.

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